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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The following references are not in the English language:

- 1) JP 9-237619
- 2) JP 8-273649
- 3) JP 8-339785
- 4) JP 10-159074

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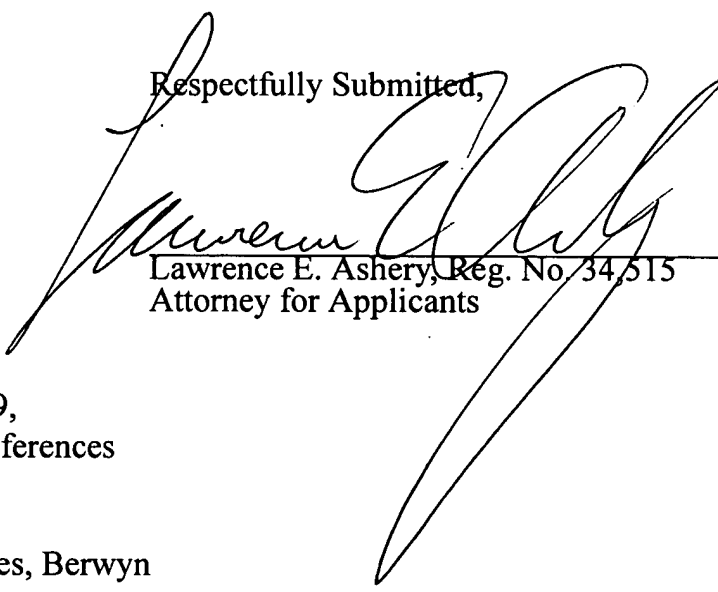
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References 1), 2), and 3) were cited in a search report of the Japanese Patent Office in a patent application corresponding to the above-identified patent application. A copy of this Japanese-language search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office, is transmitted herewith. Also enclosed is an English translation of Form PCT/ISA/210.

Reference 4) an English abstract is attached to the copy of the reference.

This information disclosure statement is being filed with the filing of the above-referenced application. No fee or certification is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTSFOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		1	Japanese search report for PCT/JP01/01457 dated May 29, 2001
		2	English translation of Form PCT/ISA/210.

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